

# Consortium names trail for Peter Stern

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After receiving a leadership level gift from the Stern family, through the Ralph E. Ogden Foundation, the Black Rock Forest Consortium named a recently completed trail for H. Peter Stern.

"I'm spectacularly delighted," said Black Rock Forest Director William Schuster. "Black Rock Forest and the Stern family have a long-standing, wonderful relationship."

Stern served on the Board of Directors for about a decade in the late 90s and early aughts. Working with Bill Golden, he was influential in helping or-

ganize the consortium.

"He had an interest in land conservation and preservation of hiking trails and open space," said daughter and consortium board member Beatrice Stern. "He appreciated the mission of Black Rock Forest which is to support research and education by people of all ages."

The H. Peter Stern Trail is located on Sackett Ridge, connecting Black Rock Forest with the rest of the surrounding region. It connects Black Rock with the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum and features views of the Woodbury Creek valley, Schunemunk Mountain, as well as the Storm King Arts Center.

Stern is a member of the art center's Board of Trustees and was the founding chair.

The trail was started two years ago and completed in the spring. The rugged trail is about a 1,000-foot climb with a steady grade. It can be accessed by taking Mine Hill Road up to the road's end. There's a kiosk on the right and the trailhead across the street. It can also be accessed via the McKeon Loop, which is part of the nature museum's trail, off Angola Road.

"We're very pleased to see that trail named because of the attachment my father had to the forest, to Bill Golden, and to the history of the forest," said daughter Lisa



Photo contributed

The H. Peter Stern Trail, located on Sackett Ridge, was completed in the spring and named for a former member of the Black Rock Forest Consortium's Board of Directors.

Stern.

Consortium board co-chair Sibyl Golden matched the Stern family gift and both

contributions were allocated to the board-designated William T. Golden Endowment Fund.

Schuster said the endowment is meant to support program activities, research, and education.